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MARTINSBURG, Feb. 25, 1878.

Local Matters.

TOWN-COUNTY AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES

SPRING SALES - 1878.

CINCINNATI. Feb. 21, 1878.
In this, my initial letter, it is proper that I begin at the beginning.

After performing that important duty of the American citizen, defending our laws for the Democratic ticket, Judge McClellan and the writer left Gettysburg February 19th, a bright, crisp winter morning. Reached Harrisburg on the 20th, and, after dinner at the "United States," took the afternoon express west at 3:35.

Whilst speed along the Juniper, the thought occurred to me, "why is not the old Tapeworm infested?" The Tapeworm Raster and plumes itself on the attractive scenery to be culled from its own bowels, but the Tapeworm would be pleased if it did not usurp it in this popular feature. Starting from a junction with the Western Maryland south of Monterey, they winding down, and around the long curve above Point Lookout, offer views southeast, east and northward; but burst upon the sight! Carroll's Tunnel, with its ample and substantial farm buildings, its broad and well-tiled fields, clearly marked roads, inviting copies of oaks and orchards of apples—not to mention the "apple on a thousand"—acres—with Castleton, McKnighton and Mummasburg off on the left—Gettysburg with its steeples, the mountain, the flag-staff and the tall poplar on the hill, taking more distinctive form in the front—what other region could present more of the pleasingly picturesque? Let the Tapeworm be finished! Leastwise, let our Union friends not fail to remember that this may—must—some day be their strong card.

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The country roads struck me favorably. For the most part they are narrow—a ridge three or four feet high, formed from the material torn out of a gutter on each side five or six feet wide. Supervisors everywhere—even in Adams county—might profit by adopting this western plan, and making a mile, or a half mile, on this principle the cutting spring. The idea of keeping a fifty or sixty-foot road good all over its surface is fallacious. Narrow the limit to be improved, and you may have genuine improvement. Creek gravel is used, the little Miami affording plenty of it, and its good effects are apparent along the whole line of travel.

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We arrived at Cincinnati yesterday noon, and took rooms at the Grand Hotel. Found Dunn awaiting us, with our friends Messrs. G. B. Kapoor and A. C. G. Bondi on hand, to give us welcome. The "Golden Grapes," a large steamer bound for the "Gulf," at New Orleans, offering fine state rooms and good accommodations, we at once went down to the wharf and registered for the down trip. Price \$30. The boat being simply on an "excursion," will stop at all the principal places on the route, and thus afford us time to see and take note of them. We leave on this evening.

This city has grown immensely since my last visit—1856. Its public buildings of all kinds attest a vigor that I have nowhere else seen. But with more leisure I may have more to say—and that leisure the long passage on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers will certainly afford.

H. J. S.

John Sherman's financial policy has been disengaged. Still he will not resign. He left too much to get where he is.

Mr. SOUTHERN, of Ohio, proposes a constitutional amendment so as to give to three presidents. He is not enough to have our friend in the executive office; suppose we were to have three!

ANDERSON SENTENCED.—Ph. C. Anderson was called before the bar on Monday, and when asked if he had anything to say before sentence, said that he considered his case串通, notwithstanding the forms of law. Judge Whitaker answered that the accused had had a fair trial, before an impartial jury, and that the verdict was fully justified by the evidence. He then sentenced Anderson, in consequence of the recommendation of the jury to the mercy of the court, to the lowest term under the law: two years' hard labor in the state penitentiary and costs.

The New York *Advertiser* prints a very silly story to the effect that certain leading Democrats contemplated taking a party of out-of-towners with a view to contesting the President's title. It is not necessary to say that, inasmuch as the decision of the Electoral Commission was virtually the decision of the Supreme Court, any appeal in that quarter would be a mere waste of trouble, and we have got to have our Democratic leader, Mr. C. Anderson, to help him out of such a farse. The legal pins of this question was thoroughly ransacked long ago, and it was found that fraud which had seated Hayes also blocked the way to seating him. But Democrats are not the only ones who deploy this act: Thomas C. Anderson would be glad to have company in his involuntary retirement.—*Balt. Gazette*.

The reporter bill was defeated in the House on Tuesday and reconsidered on Wednesday.

THE EXHIBITIONISTS.—We had the pleasure of meeting in the city yesterday Hon. Wm. McClellan, of Gettysburg, Pa., Judge of the Adams County Courts, and J. T. Shatto, Esq., of the Gettysburg (Pa.) Committee, two of the staunchest Democrats of the Keystone State. Judge McClellan and Mr. Shatto were passengers on the steamer Guide for New Orleans, where they will witness the trials. After spending some time in the Crescent city, they will visit Cuba and Nassau and Florida to make a complete tour of the world.

They are further advanced, however, than the writer of this paper, in that the latter has McClellan of your country presented them from you, asking for the passage of the bill to prevent the opening of places of amusement on Sunday. The House has passed a resolution to consider the second reading of an amendment for the purchase of school funds and to prohibit the admission of children to the public schools. This bill will be further considered next Wednesday. The other will be taken up with the consideration of bills introduced in the Senate on Thursday night a number of new bills were introduced and the following bills were considered on final reading:

To create a state banking department. Laid over.

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FARM AND HOUSE.

HOEING WHEAT.

EDS. FARMERS—Can you give us anything definite as to the advantage or profit there is in hoeing wheat? When should the hoing be done? Can wheat that is drilled in be hoed to any advantage?

This subject was brought to the attention of The Farmer readers, last fall, and they were urged to experiment a little on the coming crop, to determine for themselves just what profit there is in hoeing wheat. The advantage would seem to be the saving in degrees at least, in hoeing corn or any other crop. It destroys weeds, loosens up the soil, letting in air and sunshne to the roots, giving increased life and vigor to the plant. Hoeing wheat is now a business, comparatively, in this country, and yet we have records of experiments sufficient to prove that the plant responds to cultivation in a marked manner. We have before us accounts of experiments in Michigan, last spring, with a machine constructed for the purpose. Strips of equal size were hoed and left undressed, and not one of some five or six experiments estimate the gain of the head over that left undressed at less than twenty-five per cent., and the general opinion seemed to be that the profits could be doubled by proper cultivation.

Hoeing wheat in the fall after the plants are fairly established would appear beneficial, but the individual benefit is in the spring, as then the ground has become solid and packed. This should be done as soon as the ground has well settled, and grass or clover seed sown immediately upon the fresh mellow surface. Machines for hoeing have the seed sowing attachment, which does the work all at once. Threshing or clover will rarely arise when sown in this way. Wheat that has been drilled in is in the proper shape for cultivation, but perhaps, as ordinarily drilled, it is too thick for the best results. It will require a number of well conducted experiments to determine all these points, but these can be conducted with so little trouble and expense, that the wonder is we know so little about the whole matter. Would it not be well for those readers who have drilled wheat, to try this spring, what effect a single hoing will have, on both wheat and grass or clover sown after hoing? Stake out a small plot of debris area, if only a square rod, give it one good hoing as soon as the ground will admit, in the spring, harvest the squares and by itself and see how it compares with the rest of the field, or with any other square rod equal in soil and condition previous to hoing.—*Practical Farmer.*

CLOVER SEED.—There was much complaint, last season, that the clover did not take well. Now, let those who failed to get a good set, try the experiment of sowing more seed. There are two advantages in this. With more seed sown upon the soil, there is a better prospect that more will vegetate, and where sown thickly it will smother out nearly all the annual weeds the first season, and so weaken and retard the biennial class that they mature little or not at all the first year and almost entirely disappear the second.

Clover is a great fertilizer, and its growth does not take much strength from the soil, not as much as is returned to it from the atmosphere, which is from 65 to 90 percent. A good clover seed turned under for winter, is equal to a dressing of manure, and leaves the land in even better condition. The success of British farmers on land which has been in tillage for hundreds of years, is owing to the turning in of green crops. Instead of being "worn out," as with us, it grows better under such treatment, and the yield is from 50 to 60 bushels to the acre, instead of 20 to 30 as here. The farmer who depends on buying artificial manure will get away very slowly. He must bank his own manure if he would have the best results.—*Westminster Advocate.*

HARVEST-PESTED WHEAT.—*Country Gentleman.*—Can any of your readers tell me from experience, the effect of Thomas' Smoothing Harrow upon the Hessian fly? I have used the smoothing harrow upon various kinds of grain, but only once on wheat, and that piece of wheat averaged 35 bushels to the acre, with no sign of the insect. But I never until now, thought that possibly there might be some connection between the use of the harrow and the absence of the fly. Such a theory does not seem improbable. In fact it would be impossible to drag the wheat thoroughly in the spring, and not destroy many of the flies secreted in embryo at the collar of the wheat, and it may not destroy a large percentage of them, is the commanding idea. I always take your commendation of the Thomas' Smoothing Harrow, with a grain of allowance, but I think it has its virtues, and if it will kill the Hessian fly, we will never be ill.

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TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

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